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Editorial.

HOSPITAL DEFENCE.—II.

IN regard to our remarks upon this subject, last week, a correspondent has raised the question as to the machinery by which a Hospital could obtain a public inquiry in the manner which we suggested, and draws our attention to an article upon the subject, which appeared in a pseudo-medical periodical, written in its accustomed style of mingled ignorance and arrogance—of bathos and bounce—and hinting that the London Hospital proposes to bring an action for libel against the Editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*. We quite agree with our correspondent that this would be a very satisfactory and effectual method of settling such questions; but there is considerable reason to doubt if it will be

resorted to, in this, or in other cases. The process would be too tedious, seeing that months would necessarily elapse before the trial could take place, and the expenses incurred by the Hospital would probably be much grudged by those who had subscribed the funds, thus employed, for other and totally different purposes. What is needed, therefore, is some body which could act, at once, as a Court of Appeal in such cases, whose impartiality would be beyond question, and whose decision would therefore be accepted by both sides as final. We are not without hope that, some day, such a Court will be authorised by the State to deal with Hospital questions. But until that body comes into existence, we cannot see why a tribunal should not be improvised, consisting for the most part of experts—by which we mean medical men and other Hospital workers, with one or more trained Nurses if any Nursing matter is involved. Such an Arbitration Board could easily be formed by mutual consent, and, if judiciously chosen, would probably be of the greatest service in eliciting the truth and in preventing unjust charges being made against Hospitals.

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